



**EXAMINING BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 23, 2008**

**LOCATION:** Hawthorne Suites  
6329 South 212<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kent, Washington 98032

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair  
Carol Pahlke, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
Jorge Torres-Saenz, Psy.D.  
Christine Guzzardo, Ph.D.  
Benjamin Johnson, Psy.D.  
Decky Fiedler, Ph.D.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ray Harry, Public Member  
Timothy Cahn, Ph.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director  
Leslie Magby, Acting Program Manager  
Tammy Kelley, Disciplinary Program Manager  
Sherry Wolverton, Program Representative  
Jo Anne Minor, Staff Attorney  
Mike Ellsworth, Staff Attorney  
Judy Young, Staff Attorney

**AAG PRESENT:** Mike Tribble, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

On May 23, 2008 the Examining Board of Psychology (Board) met in Kent, Washington at Hawthorne Suites, 6329 South 212<sup>th</sup> Street, Kent Washington 98032, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting agenda was e-mailed to members of the Examining Board of Psychology Listserv.

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair**

**9:10 AM**

1.1 The agenda was approved as published.

1.2 The meeting minutes from April 11, 2008 were approved with the following amendment:

- Item 3 – The term “psychologists” was removed from the second sentence of the first paragraph.

**2. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AAG) REPORT – Mike Tribble, AAG**

2.1 Mike Tribble presented the interpretive policy of WAC 246-924-043 – Educational and experience requirements for licensure to board members. The interpretive policy would allow any internship hours above the 1,500 minimum hours to count towards the remaining supervised hours required for licensure.

Board members reviewed the interpretive policy. Dr. Johnson moved to adopt the interpretive statement with the following amendment:

Under the interpretation section, the word “impliedly” should be removed from the sentence that reads, “The Board interprets the rule as impliedly allowing an applicant to count qualifying supervised experience hours in excess of the minimum 1500 hours ‘completed as an internship experience’ toward the additional 1500 hours required under subsection (c)(ii).”

The motion passed, with one abstention.

2.2 Mike Tribble presented an interpretive policy of WAC 246-924-049 – Practicum to board members. As the WAC does not specify the qualifications of persons providing supervision of practicum students, it appears a practicum experience could be supervised by persons meeting the supervisor qualifications listed for internship supervisors.

Dr. Johnson expressed the need to ensure practicum programs are not misled regarding the practicum program requirements. Board members agreed that practicum experience or practicum supervisors cannot be regulated but requirements of practicum supervision experience could be established. Dr. Guzzardo would like to see rigid guidelines established for out of state and on line programs that are non-accredited. She believes the practicum rule should specify the qualifications of persons providing supervision of practicum students.

Dr. Torres-Saenz would like to look at other states’ practicum qualifications for comparison. **ACTION** – Dr. Torres-Saenz will gather information from other states and bring back to a future meeting for review. **ACTION** – Dr. Wall will contact the University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University for information.

### 3. **SELECTING A SANCTION SCHEDULE WORKGROUP REPRESENTATIVE - Margaret Gilbert, Senior Staff Attorney**

As a requirement of HB1103, each board and commission must select a representative for a workgroup creating a new sanction schedule. Margaret Gilbert informed board members that a report of sanction guideline recommendations is due to the Secretary of Department of Health by November 14, 2008. The final rules are required to be in place by January 2009. The first workgroup meeting will be held on June 16, 2008 in Olympia. Subsequent meetings will be determined by the workgroup representatives.

Ms. Gilbert shared

### 4. **RULES UPDATES**

**4.1 Mandatory Reporting Rules** – Dianna Staley informed board members that the mandatory reporting rules were going to be opened up again due to the requirements of HB1103. HB2974 amended one piece of the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA) and HB1103 amended a separate section of the UDA. Communications will be sent to the listserv regarding the rulemaking process.

**4.2 Oral Examination** – Leslie Magby informed board members the CR-103 would be filed immediately after Dr. Wall signed the form. These rules will eliminate the oral examination and instead only require a written jurisprudence examination as part of the licensure requirements.

### 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**LUNCH** Lunch was provided to board members.

### 6. **EXAMINING BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEES**

Board members broke into sub-committees to review the status of current projects. The following sub-committees had information to report to board members:

#### **SUB-COMMITTEES**

The **Examination Sub-Committee** reported that they are in the process of developing a new policy for approving accommodation requests for the EPPP and jurisprudence examination. Mark Calkins will assist Dr. Wall and Dr. Guzzardo in this process. **ACTION** – The sub-committee will draft a formal policy for approving accommodation requests for the exams.

The question was brought up of who has been approving accommodation requests in the past. It was determined that department staff were approving these requests. Dr. Guzzardo moved that future requests for accommodations for the EPPP and jurisprudence exam be brought to the board for approval. The motion passed.

## 7. MANAGER REPORTS

- 7.1 Leslie Magby presented current licensing statistics to board members.

**Credentialing Statistics-March 26, 2008**

Active	2,018
Military	5
Retired	87
Expired	859

- 7.2 Karen Kelley discussed the current budget with board members. The March interim report indicated a current balance of \$291,853. A bill was passed in this legislative session to allow health care professions to raise fees.
- 7.3 Karen Kelley informed board members that the registered counselor bill passed, abolishing the RC credential and creating eight new credentials. This is going to involve an extensive implementation and rulemaking process.
- 7.4 Tammy Kelley informed board members that the department's new licensing system is not collecting disciplinary data correctly but it is being corrected. Ms. Kelley informed the board they are doing a great job in moving disciplinary cases through the system quickly.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine agency matters and were approved by a single motion of the board without separate discussion.

- 8.1 March 2008 issue of "The Sentinel News for Department Employees"
- 8.2 "We Aspire" Health Professions Quality Assurance March 2008 monthly report

## 9. ONE DAY RETREAT DISCUSSION

Dr. Wall asked board members to e-mail any potential retreat agenda items to him.

## 10. ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE IN ETHICS

Dr. Fiedler believes the board should specify what needs to be included in the required continuing education course in ethics for licensed psychologists. Dr. Cahn is reluctant to micromanage the continuing education courses psychologists take. The main intention of the ethics course is to increase competency. **ACTION** – The issue is being referred to the Competency Sub-Committee for further discussion.

## 11. REQUEST FOR LIST & LABELS

Board members approved the request for list and labels of psychologists in Washington State for the following group:

- ContinuingEdCourses.Net, Inc.

**12. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RE-TAKE THE JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION**

Ray Harry moved to approve the request from applicant Brandie Anders to re-take the jurisprudence examination. The motion passed.

**13. APPLICATION REVIEW OF KATALIN MELEGH, PH.D. FROM BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

Board members reviewed the application of Katalin Melegh, Ph.D. from Budapest, Hungary. It was unclear to board members whether her education is substantially equivalent to standards in Washington State. The board determined Ms. Melegh needs an equivalency evaluation of her education completed before further review. **ACTION** – Leslie Magby will draft a letter to Ms. Melegh with Mark Calkin's assistance.

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair**

Future meeting agenda items were discussed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**15. CASE REVIEW**

**STIPULATION TO INFORMAL DISPOSITION**

Docket Number: M2008-117343

Staff Attorney: Brian Payne

**16. CASE PRESENTATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT REVIEWS**

**16.1** Board members broke into panels to discuss and determine whether the cases presented should be investigated, closed, or moved to the informal or formal resolution process.

**16.2** Board members broke into panels to review and determine whether continuing education materials submitted during the audit meet the continuing education requirements.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**1:47**

**The next scheduled meeting dates for 2008:**

- **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Hawthorne Suites, Kent
- **July 11<sup>th</sup>** – Tumwater
- **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Seattle
- **September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Department of Health, 101 Israel Road, Town Center 1, Room 163, Tumwater
- **November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Vancouver Area

**The next scheduled orientation dates:**

- **November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Vancouver Area

**17. ADJOURNMENT – Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair**

**3:00 PM**

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Leslie Magby, Acting Program Manager  
Examining Board of Psychology

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Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair  
Examining Board of Psychology